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SUBJ: BULA SPREADS HONEY FOR A CHANGE

REF: KINSHASA 1151 AND STATE 28586 (RECEIVED AFTER MEETING)

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BULA RECEIVED ME PROMPTLY LAST NIGHT (FEB 7), SAID HE WAS PRESSED FOR TIME, AND THEN WE CHATTED ABOUT THIS AND THAT FOR AN HOUR.

2. HE OPENED WITH SPECIFIC PEACE CORPS PROBLEMS AND ENDED HOUR WITH AMICABLE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PEACE CORPS. WHEN IT WAS MY TURN I REVERTED BACK TO OUR PREVIOUS DISCUSSION OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. HIS TURN BROUGHT US TO CUTLER'S VISIT - SHARP QUESTIONS FOLLOWED BY STATEMENT THAT MOBUTU INFORMED, WELCOMES VISIT, AND HAS INSTRUCTED GOVT TO BE FACILITATIVE (POUCHING MEMCON).

3. THEN I SAID I ASSUMED HE HAD SEEN ELIMA ARTICLE. HE SAID HE HAD, WAS DISTURBED BY IT, AND HAD BEEN TRYING ALL DAY TO CONTACT MINISTER NATIONAL ORIENTATION TO DETERMINE WHAT LAY BEHIND THIS. I SAID I WAS CONCERNED FOR THREE REASONS: FIRST, I DID NOT LIKE TO BE ATTACKED BY LIARS. SECOND, AND MORE IMPORTANT, CONFIDENTIAL

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AS HE KNEW AN ATTACK ON THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

OF THE PRESIDENT WAS TANTAMOUNT TO AN ATTACK ON THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF AND ON THE UNITED STATES. THIRD, AND MORE IMPORTANT, SOMEONE WAS TRYING TO DIVIDE ZAIRE AND THE US AND THAT WAS CERTAINLY NOT IN EITHER OR OUR INTERESTS.

4. HE SAID HE APPRECIATED THESE POINTS AND AGREED WITH MY POINT THAT WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO GET MATTERS UNDER CONTROL. I SAID I HAD AN IDEA AS TO HOW TO START TO DO THAT WOULD APPRECIATE HIS ADVISE. I GAVE HIM UNSIGNED LETTER FROM TULL (PAO) TO EDITOR ELIMA (SEPTTEL). HE READ IT, ASKED FOR AND KEPT COPY, SAID IT WAS UP TO ME BUT THAT HE WOULD ADVISE AGAINST SENDING IT ON GROUNDS IT MIGHT KEEP POLEMIC GOING. HE COULD ASSURE ME THAT HE WOULD REACH MINISTER NATIONAL ORIENTATION AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NOTHING MORE OF THIS NATURE IN PRESS HERE. I SAID I APPRECIATED HIS ASSURANCES. I HAD ASKED FOR HIS ADVICE, WOULD THINK IT OVER, BUT WOULD PROBABLY FOLLOT IT -- I WILL.

5. I TOLD HIM OF MY LONG-STANDING PLAN TO GO TO LUANDA AND ASKED IF HE THOUGHT THAT WOULD HELP CALM MATTERS OR BE MISUNDERSTOOD. HE SAID, "BY ALL MEANS GO. YOU'LL HEAR NOTHING MORE OF THESE DIFFICULTIES. WHEN YOU RETURN, WE'LL TALK FURTHER ABOUT OUR COMMON INTERESTS". DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO OTHER MATTERS.

6. COMMENT: THUS ORCHESTRATED PUBLIC CAMPAIGN, WHATEVER ITS MOTIVATION, IS PROBABLY OVER. I'M CONVINCED BULA HAD HIS INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOBUTU. I JUDGE THERE NOW DECISION TO USE HONEY RATHER THAN VINEGAR (COMPARE AAI SPEECH AND SPECIAL ARTICLE.) I ALSO CONCLUDE OUR MARGIN FOR EFFOR IN GENERAL AND MINE IN PARTICULAR IN NARROWER. WHAT REALLY MADE MY DAY, HOWEVER, WAS THAT WHEN I LEFT FOR FIRST TIME SINCE BULA REPLACED UMBA I WAS ALLOWED TO RIDE IN MINISTER'S PERSONAL ELEVATOR.  
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